



Anna May Painter

March 13, 2026

Anna May Painter, 81, of Mount Joy, passed away on March 13, 2026, at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Manhattan, New York, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Delia (McDonnell) Kelly.

Anna May was a proud graduate of Holy Cross High School, Harrison NJ. She dedicated years of working at Y&S Candies, where she was known for her reliability and admirable work ethic. Following her retirement, she was led to serve others as a house manager for the Women's Way Recovery House in Lancaster, offering compassion, guidance, and unwavering support to those on their journey to recovery.

Anna May was a devoted and faithful member of Grace Baptist Church, where her faith and fellowship were an important part of her life.

She is survived by her three children: Carolyn "Raven" Painter of York; Catherine Giberson, wife of David, of Mount Joy; and Michael Painter, husband of Michele Walsh, also of Mount Joy. Additionally, she is survived by six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Penny Kelly of Port St. Lucie, Florida and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three siblings: Joseph Kelly, Jr., Maureen Nelson, and Kay Frickey.

Anna May will be remembered for her kindness, resilience, and the genuine care she showed to everyone she met. Her life was a testament to service, faith, and the importance of helping others.

A memorial service honoring Anna May's life will be held at Grace Baptist

Church, 1899 Marietta Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603 on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 11:00 AM. Guests are kindly advised that there will be no formal greeting time prior to the service. A luncheon will follow the service, where family and friends are warmly invited to gather, share memories, and celebrate Anna May's life together. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Way Recovery House, 3545 Marietta Ave., Suite W, Lancaster, PA. 17601.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster
1899 Marietta Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Marcia lit a candle in memory of Anna May Painter*



marcia - March 21 at 04:22 PM



“ *I lived with Anna Mae for a short time. I wanted to be just like her, but I wasn't ready 😞. Anna Mae still loved me and I her 😭*

Mary Malone - March 21 at 02:40 PM

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To the lady Anna May whom I loved adored respected in the truth the truth that lives in us and that will be with us now and into eternity my mentor my sister my lady who stepped forward and told me I too am a season woman and she certainly was her actions certainly backed up what she spoke the way program when she was the lady in charge they're not enough words that can express or the love she gave in action and she also backed up the truth in her word and had the courage to speak it and represent it she put the capital w in the way program and I will always love her respect her and I do honor her and I know my mentor sponsor big sister would say Don't cry for me I'm home in Christ Jesus she's celebrating and I will always remember our one-on-one conversation about expectations of heaven I love you you certainly are dearly Miss and thank you for being a servant of the Lord and as in the way houses when I was there and this house we shall serve the Lord I Will Always Love You forever amen

Tonya Rice - March 22 at 12:52 PM

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Anna May was one of the first women I met in Lancaster , Pa. She & I took a road trip to NJ to see her sister & to North NJ to visit my parents. She loved Jesus and was a faithful servant. I love that she rode a Harley! I met her 40 years ago and she had a year clean .Her sister-in-law Tina P. Was my sponsor in those early years & we had a social committee that they had me make big schedules for my first spiritual retreat @ Sickmans Mill ,Pa.

She was so loving to everyone she met. She was living with Lorie B . On King street and working at a jewelry store in the city of Lancaster. She will be sorely missed by many. My sister in Christ we will be reunited when it's My turn to go home. Love you forever.

Michele Mapes Hamilton - March 24 at 03:25 PM